

# The Hong Kong Telegraph.

No. 2955

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1891.

SIX DOLLAR  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.  
Authorized Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... \$500,000  
Head Office—Hong Kong.

Court of Directors.  
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
Chan Kit Sime, Esq. W. Watson, Esq.  
C. J. Hirst, Esq. Quan Ho Chuen, Esq.  
A. B. McKEAN, Acting Chief Manager.  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON.  
THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent  
Palmer & Co.  
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Butterly &  
Co.  
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq. M.P., for Hallam.  
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Manager.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SHANGHAI.  
Hui Fu Yuen, Esq. Lim Kwan King, Esq.  
Ma Kit Tchong, Esq. Chu Ming Slang, Esq.  
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.  
J. D. THORNBURN, Manager pro tem.

THE Head Office now receives Money on deposit and makes advances on Goods in neutral Godowns, and upon other securities, on terms to be had on application.  
Hong Kong, 27th August, 1891. [1166]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... \$2,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$500,000.

London: Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

FRANCHE IN INDIA: CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, FORWARDS BILLS FOR COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS: Fixed for 12 months, 4% per Cent. per Annum.  
6 " 3% " "

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.  
E. W. RUTTER, Manager. [1093]

## Engagements.

THREE IMPORTANT FACTS  
ABOUT THE  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

1.—HALF A MILLION STERLING per annum is being paid in Death claims year by year.  
2.—THE FUNDS IN HAND amount to upwards of Seven Million pounds Sterling and have increased 10 per cent. in the last 15 years.  
3.—THE LIVES who die are annually replaced by more than double the number of new carefully selected lives.  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hong Kong. [932-3]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Under-signed are prepared to accept FIRE-AND-MARINE-INSURANCES on favourable terms.  
Current rates and guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co., Agents, No. 2, Queen's Road, Hong Kong, 1st March, 1891. [1161]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TABLES \$60,000. \$835,333.33  
EQUAL TO ..... \$318,000.00  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
LEE SING, Esq. LO YENK MOON, Esq.  
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE.—4 & 5, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST, Hong Kong, 17th December, 1885. [1178]

NOTICE.—THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS ON CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,  
Secretary.  
HEAD OFFICE.—No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST, Hong Kong, 1st February, 1882. [1166]

## Masonic.

ZETLAND L. O. D. G. E., No. 524.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY next, the 1st October, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hong Kong, 14th September, 1891. [1145]

DELIGENTIA L. O. D. G. E. OF INSTRUCTION.

THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING of the Season of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hong Kong, 13th September, 1891. [1146]

## Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY-HALL, HONGKONG.

THE WILLARD OPERA COMPANY.

WILL RE-OPEN FOR A SHORT SEASON,  
ON SATURDAY, the 3rd October,  
In the Great Farcical Comedy,  
DR. BILL,

as played at the Avenue Theatre, London with such enormous success.

PRICES.  
Dress Circle and Central Stalls, \$3.00  
Stalls ..... 2.00  
Back Seats ..... 1.00  
Military and Navy half-price to back Seats only.

Doors open at 8.30, to commence at 9 p.m.  
Box-Plan now open at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S LIMITED.  
Hong Kong, 24th September, 1891. [1244]

NOTICE.

THE Under-signed have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for Hong Kong and China for the KINNEY BROS., New York branch of the American Tobacco (Trust) Company's well-known brands of "SWEET CAPORAL," "STRAIGHT CUT," "FULL DRESS," &c., &c., CIGARETTES and TOBACCO.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hong Kong, 17th July, 1891. [1093]

To be Let.

TO LET,  
WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

THE FIRST FLOOR of No. 18, PRAYA CENTRAL, splendidly suited for SHIPPING OFFICES, having a commanding view over the entire Harbour. Rent \$50 per month.

Apply to the Manager,  
CARMICHAEL & Co., LIMITED,  
18, Praya Central.  
Hong Kong, 20th July, 1891. [1056]

TO LET.

BAHAR LODGE, THE PEAK.  
R. B. LOT No. 59.

THIS desirable residence with Gas laid on to be Let Furnished or Unfurnished.  
Apply to

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY Co., Ltd.  
Hong Kong, 12th May, 1891. [1701]

NOTICE.

TO LET.  
AT KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES in KNUTSFORD TERRACE containing 5 rooms each and Bath-rooms, Tennis Courts. Healthy situation. Cheap Rent.  
Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.  
Hong Kong, 6th August, 1891. [1080]

TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

4 ROOMS on First Floor, Suitable for offices, Apply to

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.  
Hong Kong, 4th August, 1891. [1015]

NOTICE.

ALL NEW GOODS.

SELA MA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company's Room No. 6, Connaught House, on SATURDAY, the 10th October, at 3 o'clock Mean, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1891.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th September to 10th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. HUTTON POTTS,  
Secretary,  
Hong Kong, 22nd September, 1891. [1245]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eleventh Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held in the Head Office, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 20th October, 1891, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year 1890, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1891.

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## Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
L I M I T E D,  
DISPENSING CHEMISTS, &c.

LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.

PHOTOGRAPHIC  
DEPARTMENT.

## CAMERAS.

THE DAKIN—This is a portable Camera of the best material and workmanship procurable. Double extension, conical leather bellows, swing and reversing back, rising front, circular cut front for rapid changing of lenses. Folds into a very small space. Rack and pinion focussing. Altogether as compact and convenient a camera as any amateur or professional need want.

Complete with tripod, 3 double backs, and carrying case.

Sizes in Stock & plate to 12" by 10".

Photographic Material of all kinds.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

VEGETABLE  
AND  
FLOWER  
SEEDS,  
SEASON 1891-92.

PER S.S. "SHANGHAI"

We have received our second supplies of FRESH GARDEN SEEDS, and we are now executing all orders for the same. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing can be obtained on application, or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the Seeds are Marginally Numbered in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to state the numbers of the kinds required.

N.B.—All Seeds are tested on arrival before being sent out.

## DISCOUNTS.

Orders from one person, of from \$5 to \$10, allowed 5% discount.

Orders from one person, over \$10 allowed an extra 5% discount.

Narcissus Bulbs (The Chinese Spring Flower).

A supply just received from the North.

Early application is requested.

## CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10lb each.....\$1.50.

    "    Bags    "    28lb.....4.00.

Directions for use are given on the label.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1891.

## NOW READY.

[PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.]

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST

FOR 1891.

THIS Valuable Work, with many NEW ADDITIONS and IMPROVEMENTS, IS NOW READY.

## PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH OFFICE,  
Fedor's Hill, Hongkong, January 1st, 1891.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1891.

## TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

LONDON, September 24th.

Sir James Ferguson, Political Secretary to the Foreign Office, succeeds the late Mr. Henry Cecil Raikes as Postmaster-General.

## ROUMANIA.

King Charles I of Roumania is desirous of abdicating.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

HARVESTON'S Circus left Penang for Dell on the 16th inst. The season in Penang was a most successful one.

In the case heard in the Summary Court yesterday Mr. John Pitman stated on oath that he had been paid \$500 by Mr. Gordon Bennett, of the *New York Herald*, for writing five letters. We should like to know what Mr. Gordon Bennett has to say about this statement.

It is reported that in the inland districts of Java, fever and dysentery have been carrying off the people in thousands. Bitterly cold weather is also reported from there, cinchona trees having been killed by frost over hundreds of acres on high-lying plantations.

Mr. GODFREY C. C. Master has resigned the Secretary-ship of the Victoria Recreation Club and we believe leaves for home at no far distant date. This noble sportsman and gentleman will hardly be mourned, by those who know him.

A NEW paper to be styled the *Koko Chronicle* will be launched on October the 1st, under the direction of Mr. Robert Young, well known in connection with the management of the *Hoko News*. We heartily wish this latest journalistic enterprise in the Far East every possible success.

How have the mighty fallen! That great tragedian and blower, Daniel Edward Handmann, is stated to be now a familiar figure on the streets of Sacramento, California, selling milk. "Dragic Powers" is the happy possessor of a dairy in Sacramento and we are quite sure he is much more at home as "Walker Chalks" than he ever was as a heavy tragedian.

It is rumoured that Mr. Edwin Macintosh, the almighty dictator of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's local interests, will shortly leave for home and be succeeded by Mr. James Henry Scott. We hope this is true. "Ta Phakson" comes from Greenock and is a sportsman and a gentleman—and we believe this local representative of Clan Chattan is a Liverpool Scotchman.

The Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrach Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock—

March....."Pridham Town".....Wise.  
Lancers....."Duke of York".....Wood.  
Valt....."The Diana Shore".....D. Albert.  
Polka....."Abberford".....Smith.  
Quadrille....."Princess Louise".....Godfrey.  
Galop....."The Bear Head".....

The Singapore *Free Press* of the 15th inst. says:

"About noon yesterday two vessels, the *Nam Yung* and the *Chang Hys Teng* were on their arrival, the former from Amoy and the latter from Hongkong, placed in the quarantine dock by order of the Deputy Medical Officer. Capt. Smith of the *Nam Yung* reported one death from cholera which had occurred amongst the crew during the passage. One passenger had also died, the cause being unknown, on board the *Chang Hys Teng* whilst six deaths had occurred from unknown causes."

A RATHER mean trick was recently played upon a gruff old gentleman of a very social disposition, although a total abstainer. He was present at a party where the flowing bowl passed freely. A fine milk punch had, however, been prepared for him, and when he was asked what beverage he would prefer, his reply was, as usual—“Oh, I'll take a little milk.” The punch was brought, and all eyes were turned towards him to note the effect. Raising the glass he took a sip, and then another; at the third, however, he drained the tumbler, smacked his lips, and, looking at the empty glass, observed—“Great Caesar, what a cow! I'll have another go if you like, please.”

THE Straits *Independent* of the 16th September, is calling attention to the tobacco crisis in Dell, says that among the planters there, retrenchment now finds much favour. It is expected that, early next month, between two and three hundred Europeans, and some 25,000 Native and Chinese employees will find themselves adrift in consequence. Their departure from the country would be such a blow to the planting interest that the *Independent* counsels, instead, the following of more improved methods of cultivating and handling the leaf. It finds that prospects have begun to brighten, as prices on the Amsterdam market now range from 70 to 90 cents per pound for the best and lightest sorts, and, in its opinion, if tobacco cannot be sold at these prices at a profit there must be woeful mismanagement on the estates.

AN amusing incident, says the *Finsay Gazette* of September 17th took place at the Circus on Wednesday night, the last night of the performance. When the donkey was introduced into the ring Mr. Harston, as usual, invited any of the audience to ride it, promising to give \$5 to the person who succeeded in doing so. A native stepped in first and, after having been repeatedly dismounted, retired crestfallen. Then, amidst loud cheers, a local gentleman went in to try and effect that which hitherto had appeared to be impossible. His first attempt to mount the donkey was unsuccessful. He then desired the clown to step aside, and to leave him and the animal to themselves, when he tried a second time and succeeded in making the beast trot away with him comfortably on its back, his success being greeted with great and continued applause from the audience. The second, as that he had mounted on the off side, and in the same manner as the clown was accustomed to do: An alteration followed afterwards between himself and Mr. Harston. The latter stated that he meant his donkey to be ridden in the proper way, while the gentleman, who by the way was none other than the "Finsay Archer," argued that that had not been stipulated. The money was not paid nor would the rider accept it, we think, for he had been sufficiently rewarded by his success in sparing off the Circus people.

The pier at Kobe was damaged to the extent of \$5,000 by the late typhoon.

We read that that the "Borneo" Tobacco Company at Samarang went into liquidation this month, shortly after two of its drafts had been refused payment at Singapore.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. D. Sesson, Sons & Co.) that the steamer *Arraton Astar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port to-day.

THE case *Fraser-Smith v. Sesson*, in which the plaintiff claimed \$1,000 damages for losses sustained on a rather important question of draught, has been amicably arranged between the parties concerned, and struck out of the list.

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ELVAN Subscription Griffins have been subscribed for by the Foochow "sports" for their next meeting. A great scarcity of the article is reported from the North, but it is confidently expected that the "experienced *ma-sa*" (we believe this refers to that keen old "sport" Harry Hutchings), who made the selection on behalf of Foochow for the past two years, will again provide a fairly level crowd of racers.

THE *Silk Shampoo* understands that the new law for restricting Japanese women from leaving the country is not at all acceptable to the Government, as it does not meet the requirements in the case of women going abroad for immoral purposes. It is therefore considered better to empower the Prefects throughout the country, and the Consuls in foreign ports, to deal with the matter, and the law will no doubt be thrown out.

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understood the laws of England, or any part of the British Empire where they held, he ventured to say the case must have resulted in a verdict of acquittal. The question was whether a conviction in this case had anything to do with the interests of the Club. It was a most extraordinary thing that a man should be expelled because he was convicted by a jury when that jury was divided. He (Mr. Robinson) had said only what he had to say as an Englishman, and he had given them his reasons for it. The speaker then touched on the question of the validity of a rule which had not been made retrospective. He pointed out that Mr. Fraser-Smith was convicted, whether rightly or wrongly, in November, and this rule was made in February. Could such a rule take any effect with regard to what had happened two or three months before, and was not the policy which the Club was now pursuing a mistaken one and one which might land them in serious financial difficulties? Were they prepared under the circumstances he had mentioned to run the risk of having to pay the costs of any case that might ensue from their action. In conclusion he said it was his intention to oppose the motion for the confirmation of the resolution and he hoped those present would do the same.

The resolution before the meeting was then put and carried by an overwhelming majority; many present not voting one way or another.

The following letter was received by Mr. Fraser-Smith a short time after the meeting terminated:

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB,  
26th September, 1891,  
Robert Fraser-Smith, Esq., present.

Sr.—At an extraordinary general meeting of members of the Hongkong Jockey Club, held in the City Hall to-day, the special resolution passed *rem. con.* at the extraordinary general meeting held on the 11th September last:—

That Mr. ROBERT FRASER-SMITH shall be "expelled" from the Hongkong Jockey Club under Rule 40.

was confirmed by a majority of 73 (seventy-three) votes to 1 (one).

I have therefore to inform you that you are no longer a member of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

I remain, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

The questions at issue will now be fought out in the law courts.

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the above-named Company was held at the offices of the Agents, Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., No. 6, Ice-house Lane, at 12.30 p.m. to-day, for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on the 10th inst. Mr. B. Layton presided, and there were also present Messrs. A. P. Stokes, A. G. Wood, H. L. Dalrymple, directors; J. Barton, J. Macleod, H. Wickling, G. Fenwick, A. G. Stokes, J. S. Perry, E. A. Solomon and Leslie Hallward, secretary.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, this meeting is called to confirm the resolutions passed on the 10th Sept. but before putting them to you I have to inform you that owing to certain information that has reached Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. since the resolutions were passed regarding the present conditions of business generally in Borneo, and the prospects for future trade, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. consider that it would be desirable for the interests of all concerned that further negotiations should be delayed until they have received special and detailed information regarding the business prospects of the Company's estates, and they propose to send some one down to Sandakan on the next trip of the *Memnon* for that purpose. We hope the information that will be collected will be of a favourable nature and we therefore propose to ask you to confirm the resolutions.

The Chairman's speech being received with favor, the following resolutions were put and unanimously confirmed:—That the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that John Wheeley of Hongkong be, and he is hereby appointed liquidator for the purposes of such winding up. That the draft agreement submitted to this Meeting and expressed to be made between this Company and its liquidator of the one part, and the Hongkong Borneo Company, Ltd., of the other part, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the said liquidator be and he is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with such new Company (when incorporated) in the terms of the said draft, and to carry the same into effect.

This being the business of the meeting, the proceedings terminated.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

A meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at their offices at 11.30 a.m. to-day, Mr. T. E. Davies presiding. There were present Messrs. P. Ryrie, J. J. Kerwick, C. J. Holiday, D. R. Sarson, directors, and D. G. Gillies, J. R. Michael, H. Crawford, J. E. David, R. H. R. Burder, H. L. Dalrymple, J. F. C. de Rose, H. W. Dick, R. Lyall, E. George, J. Vetch, L. K. Davis, and H. J. Lewis, Secretary.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, with your permission we will follow the usual course, and take the report and accounts as read; these have been in your hands for some little time, and no doubt you have all given to them your careful attention. Speaking generally of the year's working, I can only repeat, as is stated in the report, that the management ventures to consider the result as "satisfactory." The carrying trade all round has undoubtedly been poor, and I am not aware that any of our neighbours interested in shipping business have had a particularly profitable time of it; what comes to our in this respect, to a great extent naturally comes to all; and we must hope for a general improvement in business to give us a helping hand all round. Of course we regret that it is impossible to give a better return to shareholders, and in this connection we would point out that we have recommended as much in the way of dividend as we consider is all prudent; and that the writing off this year is only 5 per cent, as compared with the usual 8 per cent. We think that the present excellent condition of the fleet justifies this as a great measure, but shareholders must bear in mind that the first duty of the Management is to consider the permanent interests of the company as an institution, and that when necessary, full writing off must be recommended even to the detriment of dividend. I must refer once more to the shocking tragedy of December last which occurred on board the Company's steamer *Yema*. Every shareholder I venture to say, experienced the feelings of sorrow and indignation that at the time swept over the Colony, and I think nothing can be added to previous expressions of regret and sympathy. When the event occurred, much public comment was made on the dilatory action of the Government in sending a garrison to the scene. It is only right therefore that I should here state, that both His Excellency the Administrator, and the Commodore gave the prompt attention to our communications

on the subject, and that a garrison would have been despatched within a few hours, but for the fact (as has been explained in Council) that certain hindering formalities had to be gone through. No blame can be in any way attached to individuals, but the system was proved faulty, and it is to be hoped that the regulations have been changed; under similar circumstances in the future (which we all trust will never occur) such delay would rightly call for the severest comment. The heartfelt thanks of our entire community are in this connexion due to the Chinese authorities, more especially to the late Admiral Fong, through whose untiring exertions most of the pirates have been brought to justice. Suitable expressions of appreciation were made at the recent general ceremonies of the Admiral, which have been since duly acknowledged. It is now nine months since this occurrence and it may be said that it is some what late in the day to thus refer to length to it, but it must be remembered that this is our first general meeting, at which there has been any opportunity of so doing, and I take it that the event was one that more than any other that has occurred, for years past touched nearest home, not merely to ourselves, the shareholders, but to every foreign resident here and at the Coast Ports. To prevent any possible repetition of such dire tragedies, that of December last must not be allowed to sink into oblivion. I need hardly add that from that very day to this, every possible precaution has been taken, and the utmost vigilance has never been for one moment relaxed on board our steamers. The large amount at the debit of Messrs. Russell & Co. at the time of their failure calls for references. This failure occurred at the very worst time of the year for us, at a time when outward shipments from Amoy and consequent collections of freight there are at their highest point. A remittance of this sum was due, and had the carrier been but trifling, our loss would have been but trifling. We had no warning or idea of the impending event, until too late even to take steps to mitigate the evil. Altogether it has been in our opinion a stroke of peculiar ill-fortune, I may mention as an item of good news that we have lately made arrangements with the Local Insurance Offices, under which, if nothing unforeseen occurs between now and end of the year, we shall in future pay premium on blocks of the Company's steamers at 8 per cent, instead of 9 per cent, a saving of, between \$8,000 dollars a year on this account. This is in itself a matter for congratulation, and moreover is a practical proof of the estimate entertained of the up-keep of the fleet, and of the "personnel" of the Company, staff of Officers and Engineers. I don't think I have more to say at present, but, before proposing the adoption of Report and Account, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that shareholders may wish to put.

Whereupon Mr. J. R. Michael proceeded to read the following four questions:—

1. What are the general manager's commission during the year, exclusive of the \$10,000 charged for remuneration and \$3,883 54 charges account?

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4. Whether the general managers, in view of the unfavorable result of the business of the Company for the past two years, will not reduce their scale of charges to suit the times and depressed conditions of trade generally?

All of the above were answered in a few words of explanation by the Chairman, which apparently met with the entire approval of those present. The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, which was seconded by Mr. David Gilles and carried *rem. con.* Proposed by Mr. E. George and seconded by Mr. L. K. Davis that the retiring auditors, Messrs. P. Ryrie and J. H. Cox be re-elected. Carried unanimously. Upon the Chairman intimating that there was nothing further before the meeting the proceedings terminated.

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The Chairman said—Gentlemen, at a meeting of directors held on the 8th September it was decided to call this meeting. As you are no doubt aware, proceedings have since been taken in the Supreme Court of this Colony at the instance of Mr. John Pitman, who represents himself as being a director of this Company, but whether he is a director or even a shareholder, it will be for you to decide after the facts have been placed in your possession. An *ad hoc* application was made before the Court last Thursday by Mr. Francis, O. C., a shareholder, and whom I very glad to see here to-day, on behalf of Mr. Pitman and other persons representing themselves as the Shameen Hotel Company, your directors being the defendants. This application was supported by two affidavits made by Mr. John Pitman, and without using any strong language I wish to say, as can be fully proved by the minutes and by Mr. Pitman's own correspondence, that from beginning to end those affidavits were a deliberate tissue of falsehoods. That is a matter that will have to be considered very seriously during the next two or three days, as I am at the present moment acting under legal advice as to the admissibility of taking criminal proceedings against Mr. Pitman in reference to these affidavits. At the hearing of the application just referred to, I explained to the solicitor, Mr. Stokes, that we had already taken proper steps to convene a meeting of shareholders so as to leave to the shareholders the dealing with the affairs of the Company, as I considered it to be my duty to lay before you in as straightforward a manner as possible the history of the business from beginning to end. Mr. Stokes conveyed this information to the learned Counsel and I imagined that the matter, so far as they were concerned, was finished until after this meeting had been held. Not so, however. An order was served on your directors to appear at the Court in this matter yesterday. We duly appeared, only to find no one there. I had the honour of an interview with the Chief Justice on the subject, when he informed me that an application had been made twenty minutes before the time for hearing to have the case adjourned on the ground that Mr. Francis was too ill to be present. Of course we all regret that Mr. Francis was unable to be present, but I think you will admit, and that every honest straightforward man would admit, that considering the allegations that appeared in the public press in which myself and my fellow directors, Mr. Skeels and Mr. Maclean, were accused of almost every crime short of murder, it would have been far better to have given us a chance of

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Mr. Francis—May I take the liberty of asking how it is the directors, with a knowledge of this transaction, did not take any steps to let it aside?

The Chairman—We have been fighting it continually. There was scarcely a board meeting held that this point was not drawn attention to by me.

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The Chairman—I shall be most thankful to you if you say is correct the matter should have been brought before the Courts at once.

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Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.  
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North China Insurance—Tls. 255 per share, sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$107 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 70 buyers.

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Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$320 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$87 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$82 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$33 per share, sales and buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—60 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$131 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$65 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$65.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount, sales and buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$40 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$165 per share, sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$53 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$86 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$108 per share, ex div., sales and buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1885 B—14 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$107 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

Punjon and Sungkei Das Samantan Mining Co.—\$3 per share, sales and sellers.

The Rauh Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$0.60 per share, buyers.

Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$31 per share, sales.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$70 per share, sales and sellers.

Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$35 per share, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$6 per share, buyers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$48 per share, buyers.

Crauford & Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sales.

The Hongkong-Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$12 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$10 per share, sellers.

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Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$13 per share, sellers.

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The Lubuk Planting Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

The Jelatu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$24 per share, buyers.

The Selandia Tin Mining Co., Limited—10 cents per share, sellers.

The Shamen Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ld.—\$16 per share, buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits Ld.—Founders' shares—\$145 per share, nominal.

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The National Bank of China, Ld.—45 per cent. div., sales and buyers.

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EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank T. T.—3/15

Bank Bills, on demand—3/2

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight—3/3

Credits at 4 months' sight—3/3

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight—3/3

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On India, T. T.—22/1

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Bank, T. T.—72

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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL:  
The P. M. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro* left Yokohama on the 23d instant and may be expected here on the 29th.

THE INDIAN MAIL:  
The steamer *Arravon Ahsar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 26th instant and may be expected here on the 28th and 29th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL:  
The Canadian Steamship Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan*, with the next Canadian mail left Vancouver on the morning of the 20th instant for Yokohama, Shanghai, and Hongkong, and is due here on the 1st proximo.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Hampshire*, from London and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 21st ultimo and may be considered due at Pehang on or about the 20th instant.

The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Katrin*, from London and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 2nd instant and may be considered due at Singapore on the 20th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Verma* left Nagasaki on the 24th instant at 3 p.m. and is due here on the 28th.

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The 'Ben' line steamer *Bentley* from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 24th instant and is due here on the 1st proximo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Lombardy* left Bombay on the 21st instant and is due here on the 8th proximo.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

AMOY, German steamer, 814, Th. Lehmann, 26th Sept.—Wuhu 17th September, General—Butterfield & Swaine.

LANCASHIRE, British steamer, 1,564, J. Thomas, 23rd Sept.—Probolinggo 12th Sept., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LURELLA, British steamer, 805, G. Grant, 18th Sept.—Saigon 12th Sept., Rice—E. C. Ray.

KWAIKUT, British steamer, 850, Geo. Anderson, 24th Sept.—Bangkok 15th Sept., and Koh-si-chang 16th, Rice and Wood—Yuen Fat Hong.

PARTHA, British steamer, 2,035, Jno. Paulon, 11th Sept.—Nagasaki 12th Sept., Coal—Yokohama 4th Sept., and Shanghai 9th General—Dowdell, Carill & Co.

PEKING, British steamer, 1,675, A. W. R. Cobban, 26th Sept.—Manila 23rd Sept., General—Shear & Co.

W.M. LE LACHUR, British bark, 573, W. H. Walton, 16th September, Lagunamanoc (Philippines) 23rd Sept., Timor—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

COLLINGHAM, British steamer, 1,542, G. W. Watson, 26th Sept.—Katchabooch south China—Mitsui Bussan Kaisihi.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

FEKING, German steamer, for Shanghai.

GARFIELD, French steamer, for Kobe.

OCEANIC, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.

HAISSONG, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

ZORA, German steamer, for Singapore.

EMERALDA, British steamer, for Manila.

TITANIA, German steamer, for Singapore, &c.

DEPARTURES.

September 26, *Portland* *Lloyd*, American bark, for San Francisco.

September 26, *Oceanic*, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.

September 26, *Dardanus*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

September 26, *Haiphong*, French steamer, for Hoiang, &c.

September 26, *Titania*, German steamer, for Singapore, &c.

September 26, *Rohilla*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

September 26, *Fu-ping*, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai, &c.

September 26, *Emerald*, British steamer, for Manila.

September 26, *Darmstadt*, German steamer, for Singapore, &c.

September 26, *Peking*, German steamer, for Shanghai.

September 26, *Sikhs*, British str., for Swatow.

September 26, *Borneo*, Dutch str., for Hoiang.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per *Portuguese*, str., for Wuhu.—1 European and 8 Chinese.

Per *Zafiro*, str., from Manila.—Mr. and Mrs. Almeida, Messrs. Granelli, Stevenson, Jardine, Macaluso, Stammatini, Dianic, and 4 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Peking*, str., for Shanghai.—8 Chinese.

Per *Haiyang*, str., for Hoiang, &c.—6 European and 300 Chinese.

Per *Emperador*, str., for Manila.—3 European and 2 Chinese.

Per *Titania*, str., for Singapore.—142 Chinese.

Per *Oceanic*, str., for Yokohama.—142 Chinese.

Per *Arnold*, Mrs. Chas. Leyman, Mr. J. Pei, Alice and native servant, and 1 Chinese. For Amoy, &c.—Mr. Bernard, Lienemann. For London.—Mr. R. R. Leigh.

TO DEPART.

Per *Guthrie*, str., for Koba.—8 Europeans.

Per *Clara*, str., for Hoiang, &c.—50 Chinese.

Per *Haiyang*, str., for Swatow, &c.—300 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Zaffiro* reports that she left Manila on the 23rd instant at 11 p.m. Had light to moderate south-west, round west to north-west winds with heavy showers of rain occasionally to 1st 16th north and long. 110 east; thence to port light westerly winds and calms with fine pleasant weather and smooth sea.

The German steamer *Amey* reports that she left Wuhu on the 20th instant. Had light north-easterly winds, increasing in force from Tachen Islands to Tung-ying. From Tamenou to Ockien blowing a heavy gale from the south-east, veering round to the south-west. From Ockien to Break Point moderate north-easterly winds; thence to port light southerly breeze, between The Brothers and Lammock Islands, passed a lot of wreckage, evidently of fishing boats.

The British bark *Wm. Le Lachur* reports that she left Lagunamanoc on the 3rd instant. The first part of the passage had light variable winds and calms. From 17th to 20th strong north-west and west with high sea from north-east and east. On the 22nd and 23rd experienced very heavy confused sea and strong north-west and westerly gale being on the southern edge of a heavy typhoon working north. November 1st on port tack till barometer commenced to rise, and then strong south-west and westerly winds and fine weather to north of Pratas Shoal; thence to port light variable winds and calms.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ACTIVI, Danish steamer, 355, H. Hygom, 21st Sept.—Macau 21st Sept., General—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

ARLINE, British steamer, 1,497, W. Ellis, 25th Sept.—Kobe 18th Sept., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

AVOCHE, British steamer, 1,052, T. Rowl, 13th Sept